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QUOTE October 16, 1959

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I appreciate your prompt reply of October 13 on the sub-
ject of a Summit meeting and I am glad to note that our views
are essentially not far apart. My own feeling is that we owe
it to the Free World and to ourselves to take every opportunity
to explore further the attitude of the Soviets. However, I
believe that we should not do this until we know that we have
a concerted point of view among ourselves.

While Prime Minister Macmillan had accepted the idea
of a December summit, President de Gaulle felt that such a
meeting should take place, if at all, at a somewhat later
date.

I agree

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I agree with you, of course, that the four Western Heads of Governments should have a prior meeting among ourselves to concert our positions. Apart from substantive questions, another point on which we must reach agreement among ourselves is the problem of dealing with probable Soviet proposals for the admission of other participants to a Summit meeting than the four which met at Geneva in 1955. In addition to the question of participation in discussions dealing with disarmament, the Soviets can be expected to raise the general question of participation by the East Zone Regime. I think we should make every effort to keep the meeting on a Four Power basis as we did at the Summit Conference in Geneva in 1955.

Both the question of what we would talk about at a Summit meeting and the possible differences as to its desirability, composition and date indicate to me that we must get together at the Heads of Government level at the earliest possible moment. I have reviewed my own schedule and find that with some readjustment I could free myself for the purpose for a few days at the end of this month. Paris would seem to me to be the logical place to meet in light of the difficulty which General de Gaulle would presumably find in visiting either London or Washington in advance of his state visits. For my part Paris would be entirely acceptable.

I would

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I would envisage such a meeting as involving no ceremonies, no social affairs, and devoted purely to business.

With the pressure of time under which we are laboring I have asked the Secretary of State to take up the subject of this letter at once with the British and French Ambassadors as well as with Ambassador Grewe. If you agree in principle, I think we can leave the arrangements to be worked out by them through diplomatic channels.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower UNQUOTE

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